

# HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

## MAKES THREE DASHES FOR TRACK FUND

Carson Administration Would Deplete Amount Raised by Levy on Taxpayers to Extent of \$75,000.

Three distinct raids on the track elevation fund, a fund originally created through a special levy on the tax payers of the city and for the express purpose of paying the city's expense in elevating the New York Central tracks through South Bend, were attempted by the Carson administration at the council meeting.

Two of the raids came when an ordinance authorizing the transfer from this fund of \$50,000 was presented \$50,000 to go to the park fund and \$25,000 to the water works department.

Just before the time for adjournment came another ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 more from the track elevation fund to the water works department was introduced.

The two ordinances, entailing a transfer of \$75,000 from the track elevation fund, were referred to a special committee composed of Councilman Vennet, Judson and Wisniewski.

This was done on motion of Councilman Vennet following a plea of Controller Swygart that the \$50,000 ordinance be passed under the suspension of rules.

### The City Is Broke.

Controller Swygart declared that "the city is broke." He said that when the Carson administration went into office, there was something like \$80,000 in the general fund, but now there is only about \$1,600 left with which to pay the payroll and the city's outstanding debts now due.

"The city is broke," he declared, "and if this money is not transferred from the track elevation fund, I will have to go out tomorrow and borrow where I can."

When asked what the city would do if there was no track elevation fund, Mr. Swygart told Mr. Vennet that the money would have to be borrowed where it could be found.

"Is there not some way that the running of the city can be cut down?" Councilman Vennet wanted to know. Mr. Swygart answered that every effort is being made by the administration to reduce expenses.

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### Arouses Slick's Ire.

Eight other City Attys. Slick took a hand. With flushed face and an angry gleam in his eye he informed both Bailey and all others present that he and he only is the legal adviser of the city and all its departments.

"I want to inform you, Mr. Bailey, and all of the councilmen, that I am the only legal adviser in the employ of the city," he declared.

It finally developed that Mr. Toyne is an adviser to the water works department in an engineering capacity. James Luther, superintendent of the water department, who was in the audience, volunteered this information.

During his plea for the passage of the \$50,000 ordinance, Controller Swygart attempted to show that all the fruit of the city's present financial embarrassment rests with the former city administration, although he took pains to say that he was blaming no one for the present condition. He quoted some ancient statistics of former city administrative expenses in support of his contention that the passage of the \$50,000 transfer ordinance was imperative. Otherwise, the whole world would know that South Bend is busted as he put it.

Then the controller went on to say that it takes more money to run the affairs of the municipal city. He declared that South Bend is growing and it takes more to administer its governmental affairs.

Finally it was voted to place the ordinance in the hands of the special committee and to call a special meeting of the council Wednesday night for its consideration. Then came the ordinance transferring the additional \$25,000 from the track elevation fund to the water department. It was also referred to the special committee and will also be given due consideration at the special meeting Wednesday night.

Pass Salary Ordinance.

After all the parley over the

track elevation transfers was over, the ordinance increasing the salaries of the officers and members of the fire department was passed. The ordinance was fathered by Councilman Luther. It provides for a graduating increase from 14 1/2 to 22 percent.

The three republican members who circulated petitions for the increase, voted against the passage of the ordinance. They are Councilmen Myers, Goebel and Judson.

Immediately following came an ordinance increasing the salaries of the officers and members of the police department, providing for an increase of practically 15 percent, with the exception of the chief and assistant chief. The chief's salary is to be \$1,800 a year, while that of the assistant chief is to remain at \$1,650. Then with a humorous smile, Councilman Goebel presented two resolutions. One for the increase in the salary of the firemen and the other for the increase in the salaries of the police. They provided for a straight 15 percent raise, even including a new raise for Asst. Chief Cassidy. These resolutions were immediately tabled on motion of Councilman Vennet.

The ordinance prohibiting any automobile or other vehicle from parking within ten feet of any fire hydrant was passed. An ordinance regulating the parking of automobiles and other vehicles, preventing them from being parked in front of theaters, other places of amusement and public places, was introduced by Councilman Judson and was referred to the committee of the whole.

When the committee of the whole meets next Tuesday night, members of the council sincerely hope that Transportation Mgr. Grover of the Chicago, South Bend and Northern Indiana Railway Co., will be present. He was extended an invitation to be present at the request of Councilman Vennet Monday night to explain the present poor street car service.

### TRAFFIC CLUB HOLDS FIRST STUDY SESSION

L. P. Martin, traffic manager of the Oliver Chilled Plow company, addressed the members of the Traffic club of this city at their regular meeting here Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Martin explained the study of traffic, as written in a series of lessons by Prof. G. G. Huebner, assistant professor of transportation and commerce at the University of Pennsylvania.

The first two lessons taken up by the club last night was only a foundation for the work that is to be undertaken later and consisted of the traffic conditions in the eastern, southern and western territories. These articles by Prof. Huebner commenced at the beginning of classification and rate structure and come down to the present day.

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Students of Badin hall, the freshman residence, will hold their first smoker in the new recreation room Wednesday evening. An interesting musical program is being arranged for the occasion. The Rev. Fr. McGarry, C. S. C., is rector of Badin hall.

**SALVATION ARMY.**

Members of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary club, Ministerial association and city officials will be present at the luncheon to be served at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday noon, where plans will be discussed for the raising of the local quota in the Salvation Army \$1,000,000 war drive.

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### WIND DESTROYS LOCAL PROPERTY

Store Fronts and Electric Signs Crash to Sidewalks in Downtown Section.

A little ahead of time, but none less real, March winds struck South Bend Monday night and left a trail of scattered signs boards and caved in windows in the business district of the city. Early in the evening the gusts began to blow and within a short time they had become so violent that pedestrians experienced considerable difficulty in making their way about.

People crossing the more open corners were blown out of their courses and were at times almost lifted from the ground and brought to against the walls of nearly buildings. The wind sweeping around the corner of the J. M. S. bldg., caved in the large plate glass window of the store room recently occupied by the Grand Leader at Washington av. and Main st.

#### Big Sign Falls.

The large electric sign, weighing 500 pounds which hung over the Typewriter shop on W. Washington av. was blown from its moorings and crashed to the sidewalk below, breaking in the basement skylight and narrowly missing the adjoining windows. Numbers of bicycle racks and small sign boards were carried down the street by the blast, many of them being carried as far as a block from their original resting place. Later in the evening snow flurries came down in swirls adding to the disarray of the night and to the difficulty in moving up the car service on most of the lines in and out of the city.

### Notre Dame News

Dr. John B. Bergeling of the South Bend council, Knights of Columbus, delivered an address before the members of the Notre Dame council Monday evening in the council chambers in Walsh hall. The Freshmen yell leader will be George Robertson, Jr.

The freshmen will give a benefit dance at the high school gymnasium next Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock to buy a service flag for the school. Francis Smith will have charge of the dance and will be assisted by Knowles Hollowell, Mary Gravé Cleveland, Mary Louise Page, Elva Yeagley and Josephine Doran.

A class of dancing school will start Thursday afternoon immediately after school. Miss Goodwin and Francis Smith will have charge of the lessons.

"The New Henrietta," a reading by Arthur Fischer, editor of the "Personal Magazine," will be given before the student body and faculty Tuesday evening in Washington hall. Last week Mr. Fischer gave a reading on "Tailor Made Man" and was well received.

#### Filed.

Joseph W. Jones vs. Albert Klingler, possession and damages to recover \$100.

George Sands vs. Ray Foreman, possession and damages to recover \$17.

Charles A. Dolph vs. William Earl and Mrs. William Earl, sued on a change of venue from Justice Peak's court, also for possession and \$50 damages.

The Morris Plan company vs. Dwight Kingsbury, L. D. Heywood, S. E. Snook, A. W. Dred, E. E. Phillip on a note for \$105.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harry Huber, range maker, South Bend, and Golda Marie Lemons, South Bend.

Joseph R. Watt, soldier, South Bend, and Ollie C. Tryman, South Bend.

Melvin Houck, laborer, Mishawaka, and Inn M. Lancaster, rural route No. 3, Mishawaka.

Henry Weber, soldier, Camp Taylor, Ky., and Carolyn Eleanor Knoblock, South Bend.

Tarquin Hoover Fletcher, soldier, Camp Shelby, Miss., and Alpha M. Balsley, stenographer, Mishawaka.

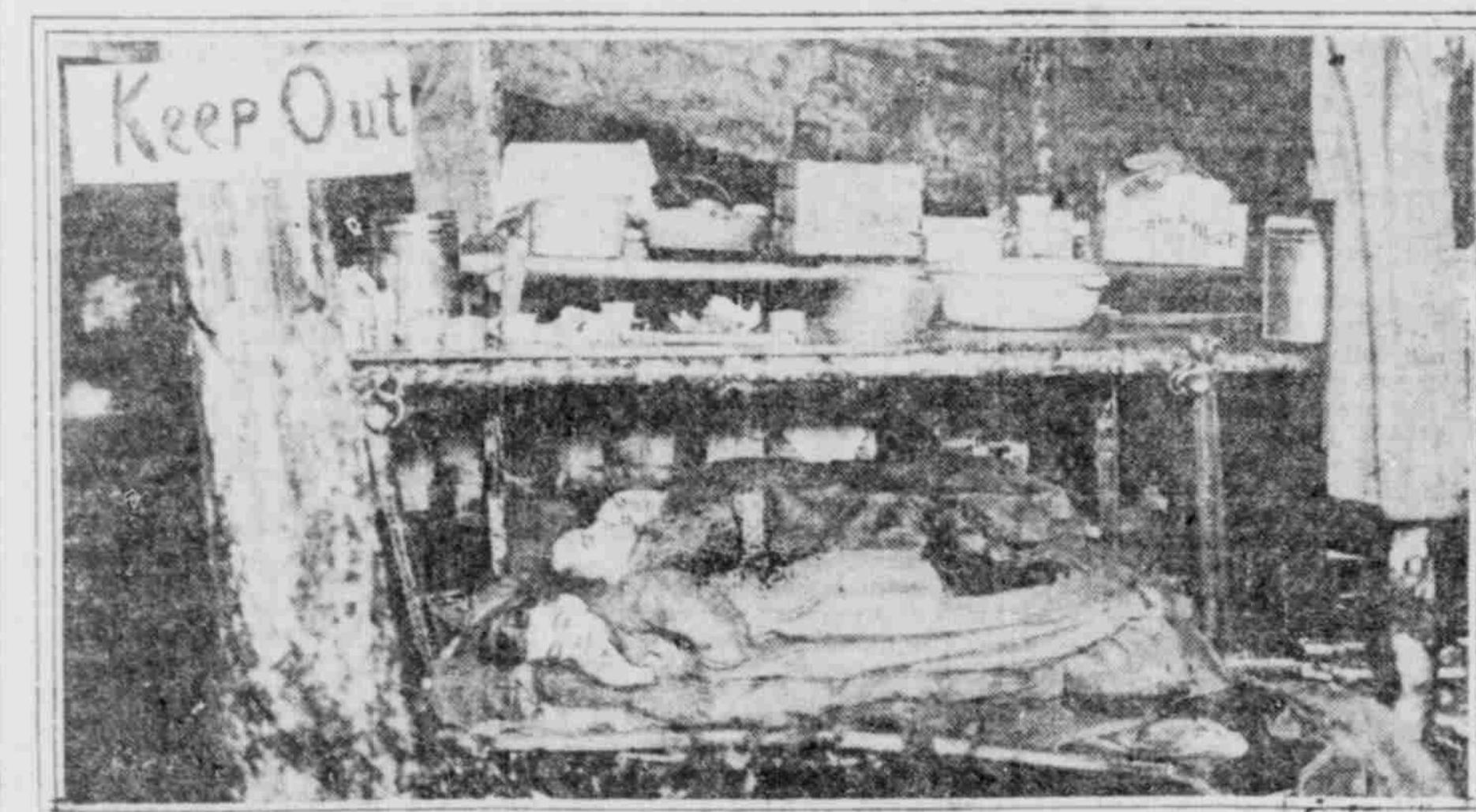
Russell Fish, fireman, South Bend, and Emma Schuenk, stenographer, South Bend.

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife.

GEORGE BECK.

—Advt.

### U. S. Cooks After Chow



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### PROMOTE LOCAL MAN AT CAMP SHELBY

CHESTER HUNT OF ROLLING PRAIRIE RECEIVES SERIOUS WOUND—ELKHART MAN DIES IN ACTION.

WASHINGON, Feb. 26.—The deaths of a lieutenant and four sergeants resulting from airplane accidents were reported to the war department today by Gen. Pershing. The dead are Lieut. Leland J. Haggard, Orleans, N. Y.; Cadets Clark B. Nichol, 1516 Locust st., Philadelphia; J. P. Stillman, 36 E. 39th st., New York City; Donald E. Carlton, Providence, R. I., and Arthur H. Wilson, 3609 Baring st., Philadelphia.

The message gave no details of the accidents.

Gen. Pershing also reported that Private Ralph R. Spaulding of Madison, Me., had been killed in action February 13, that two other privates were severely wounded February 19, and one slightly wounded February 22. The severely wounded were Frank Fuss of Estherville, Ia., and Chester A. Hunt, of Rolling Prairie, Ind., and the slightly wounded was Andrew Donkow, South Bethlehem, Pa.

Private Paul Crabtree of Portsmouth, Ohio, died from wounds received in action Nov. 21; Lieut. Thomas W. McCoy of Elkhart, Ind., died from wounds resulting from the explosion of a hand grenade and Private George G. Clark of Holyoke, Mass., died from accident at gun shot wounds.

Private Charles A. Johnson or Moreley, Col., was reported accidentally drowned.

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